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Subject: Fw: Tom Burke's confirmation hearing

FYI - David Piantanida's notes from yesterday's confirmation hearing are below.

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Good morning,

Many of you may have watched the hearing yesterday. I was there in person and saw the sparks fly between Senator Vitter and Senator Boxer. Dr. Thomas Burke was well prepared and received questions from Senator Inhofe, Senator Boozman and Senator Vitter.

Senator Inhofe asked about fracking and whether Dr. Burke personally knew of any cases of groundwater contamination from fracking.

Senator Boozman mentioned the Clean Air Act Regulations and stressed the importance of getting access to the data that EPA is using to make regulatory decisions. He asked Dr. Burke if he would commit to making this information more transparent and available to the public.

Senator Vitter asked a series of questions about the importance of sound science and asked Dr. Burke if he thought Congressional oversight was helpful in improving EPA science. Senator Vitter specifically mentioned formaldehyde and the NAS recommendations. He asked if Dr. Burke would make a commitment to implement the NAS recommendations. Senator Vitter also asked that Dr. Burke make a commitment in following sound science practices in relation to fracking and followed Senator Boozman's line of questioning on transparency and making data available.

One update from the hearing, the questions will NOT be coming from the Committee until after January 4, 2014. Tom Burke will work with OCIR to craft short responses to the questions.

If you missed the hearing yesterday, you may watch the archived version at
http://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=Hearings.Choose&Hearing_id=e315f24e-0d77-0fcd-c4eb-d192f32febc1

Thanks,

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